**Foreign investors in road sector**

† 2105. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of participation of foreign investors at present to construct roads in Indian road sector;

(b) the percentage of investment during 1996 to 31st March, 2001;

(c) the States where the construction work of roads has been commenced with the help of foreign investment; and

(d) the length of the National Highways constructed during a decade as per the national average?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) During the period 1996 to 31.3.2001 only one project costing Rs. 760 crores in Andhra Pradesh has been taken up by foreign investors.

(d) A length of 24048 km. of roads has been added to National Highway system during the last 10 years raising the national average to 17.5 km. of National Highway length per 1000 sq. km.

**Agro-Based Industries in Meghalaya**

2106. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign investment proposals to set up agro-based industries in Meghaiaya during the last three years;

(b) the details of the proposals for various projects sanctioned and implemented in the State during the said period under the new economic reforms; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries has not received any proposal for foreign investment for setting up agro based industries in the country during the last two years. The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion which is the nodal Department for foreign direct investment in industry have stated that they do not maintain information/data specific to agro based industries. However, the details of two proposals approved by the Government for the State of Meghalaya during the last three years i.e. from January, 1998 to May, 2001 are given in the statement.

Statement

Data compiled and disseminated By Industry Division, NIC

*List of Foreign Technical/Financial Collaboration cases approved by all sections from January 1998 to May 2001 for Meghalaya*

| SI. No. | Reg. No/Reg Date (Type/ Agency) | Name of Indian Company | Name of the Foreign Collaborator | Amount (% Eqty) (Rs. Lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | India-Bangladesh | | |
| 1. | 472 11001998(F) (FIPB) Approval No. | 393 Approval Date | Lafarge Surma Cement Ltd., Bangladesh 11/08/1998 | 4446.00 (100.00%) |
| Item | Description: To Operate Company for carrying out long term at location; Meghalaya Commercial mining and distribution operations | | | |
| | Total Number of PCs; | Total Foreign Equity for the group (Rs. Lakhs); | | 4446.00 |

| SI. No. | Reg. No/Reg Date (Type/ Agency) | Name of Indian Company | Name of the Foreign Collaborator | Amount (% Eqty) (Rs. Lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | India-France | | |
| 2. | 639 13AM996 (F) (FIPB) | Lum Mawshun Minerals Private Lim Co Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A. Shroff & Co., 13, Abul Fazal Road, Bangali Market, New Delhi-110 001. | M/s. Lafarge Surme Cement Ltd., France (74.00%) | 0.00 |
| Approval No.: 747 Approval Date: 11/08/1998 | | | | |
| Item description: To undertake mining and export of limestone At location; East Khasi Hills (Megh) | | | | |
| | Total Number of FCs | Total Foreign Equity for the group (Rs. Lakhs) | | 0.00 |

**Agro-based Industries in Orissa**

2107. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Agro-based Industries set up in Orissa as on 31st March, 2001;

(b) whether any proposals to set up such units in that State have been pending for Government's consideration;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to consider those proposals since the Agro-based Units arc not adequate in number in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The information regarding number of agro-based industries set up State-wise is not maintained centrally.

(b) Industrialisation is specific responsibility of the State Government and the Central Government supplements the efforts of the Sine Government through the Khadi and Village